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COUNTRY _____ REPORT NO. _____

TOPIC _____ Wiener Neustadt Airfield and Military Post

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1. The following aircraft were observed at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield between 9 a.m. and noon on 6 June 1953:

10 Pe-2s in front of the northern corner of the pyrotechnic plant; 49 MiG-15s, including 8 in the depression, 4 south of the northern row of searchlights, 5 in front of the revetments on Badener Strasse, 32 in front of the flight control station; 3 single-engine planes with radial engines including 1 which was parked near the MiG-15s in front of the revetments and the other 2 in front of the flight control station; 2 biplanes in front of the flight control station; and 1 single-engine high-wing monoplane in front of the flight control station. ¹ No air activity was observed. There was a 3/10 overcast, light easterly wind and good visibility.

2. The AA gun emplacements in the eastern and southern section of the field were not occupied nor were any soldiers or motor vehicles observed there. Motor vehicles _____ in front of the eastern garages _____ with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

3. No changes were observed at the ground radio installations located within the area of the field. A trailer with a rectangular glass tower was parked near the antenna system, north of the northern row of searchlights. A van-like truck with an antenna shaped like an "X" was observed about 100 meters east of the southern AA gun emplacement. The superstructure of the vehicle was covered with a camouflage net. The telephone lines which previously extended along Badener Strasse were shifted to the other telephone lines along the Wiener Neustadt - Vienna (O 49/X 49) railroad line. Three Pe-2s were parked in front of the hangars at Therasienfeld. ²

4. _____ Wiener Neustadt military post: The Artillerie Kaserne was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. There was little traffic by officers and EM who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Truck _____ was parked in the barracks yard. The radio

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installations located in the northwestern corner of the yard and in the western section of the barracks installation were unchanged. The Nachrichten Kaserne was still lightly occupied and guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Three motor vehicles [redacted] were parked in the barracks yard. The barracks area west of Wiener Neustadt and guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets appeared to be occupied to its capacity. An estimated 40 trucks and 20 to 25 AA guns approximately 37 mm were parked in the yard.

5. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 11 June, the airfield was occupied by 50 MiG-15s, 12 Pe-2s, 2 single-engine planes with radial engines, and 1 biplane. ¹ At 8:35 a.m., two MiG-15s took off and flew aft of another MiG-15 which was towing a sleeve target. No other air activity was observed.
6. Four railroad tank cars were observed on the spur track northeast of the pyrotechnic plant. Several crates, each of about the size of a van, were stored in the pyrotechnic plant area. Motor vehicles which left the pyrotechnic plant [redacted] both drivers of which were wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, and weapons carrier [redacted] There was intensive vehicular traffic on the approach roads to the pyrotechnic plant.³ The southern AA gun emplacements were not occupied. The bunker area was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The eastern AA gun emplacements were occupied by 4 x 37-mm guns. Work on the bunkers was completed.
7. No changes were observed at the ground radio installation. The following motor vehicles were parked in the sheds of the eastern garage installation: 6 trucks [redacted] 3 trailers, 2 van-like trucks [redacted]
8. The Artillerie Kaserne at Wiener Neustadt military post was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets entered and left the barracks installation. Three trucks were parked in the barracks yard. The radio installations at the northwestern corner and on the western side of the barracks area were unchanged. The Nachrichten Kaserne was also guarded by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. There was little traffic by personnel. Three trucks were parked in the barracks yard. The barracks area west of Wiener Neustadt was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Six trucks were parked in the garages. Four trucks, as well as 4 x 37-mm AA guns were observed in the open.
1. Comment. According to available information, Wiener Neustadt airfield is occupied by a Soviet fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. The purpose of the 10 to 12 Pe-2s observed at the field after April 1953 has not been determined. [redacted] 25X1
airfield after the transfer of the bomber regiment at Aspern to Deutsch Wagram about 18 Pe-2s were observed and could possibly have belonged to the bomber regiment. There are no indications from Wiener Neustadt airfield however, that a bomber unit is stationed there. It appears possible that the entire bomber division which was stationed in Austria up to April 1953 is now being

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retrained with Il-28s, while the Pe-2s of the division are stationed at various other airfields. Elements of the division are retraining in the Austrian area (Bad Voeslau) while other elements practice with a Hungarian division.

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2. Comment. The van-like truck with an antenna shaped like an "X" is an AAA MK III V-type radar set.
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3. Comment. The pyrotechnic plant at Wiener Neustadt has become an important air force depot. It is possible that the installation was improved or is being enlarged into a large depot for the Fifty-Ninth Air Army. The crates reported are MiG-15 crates. It has not been determined whether the crates were full or empty and whether they were shipped to Wiener Neustadt airfield or stored in a central depot for distribution in Austria.

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